

REMARKS

With the entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 5-9 will be pending in this patent application.

In this paper, Applicant is canceling claims and is complying with requirements of form expressly set forth in the last Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of the amendments to the claims presented herein under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116(b)(1).

OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION

In this paper, Applicant is amending the first paragraph beginning on page 7 of the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's objection to the specification, as stated on page 2 of the Final Rejection, is obviated by the amendment to the specification presented in this paper.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter that had been recited in claims 4 and 5. In this paper, Applicant is canceling claim 4 and is amending claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter that had been recited in claim 4. In other words, Applicant is rewriting claim 4 in independent form as amended claim 1. Applicant is also canceling claim 3.

In view of the amendments to the claims described above, Applicant trusts that the Examiner will find claims 1, 2 and 5-9, all of the claims as presented in this paper, to be allowable.

PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 4854362 (Carolla et al.) in view of US 3831656 (Senger et al.).

Applicant submits that this rejection has been rendered moot by the amendments to the claims made in this paper.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments, observations and arguments presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection and the rejection stated in the outstanding Office Action and recognize all of the pending claims as allowable.

If unresolved matters remain in the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Frederick R. Handren, Reg. No. 32,874, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, so that these matters can be resolved expeditiously.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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